

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the present Office Action, the drawings have been objected to because of the following two items: (i) the drawings are improperly crosshatched; and (ii) the drawings do not show each and every feature of the invention specified in the claims, particularly, the drawings do not show the electrically conductive contact located directly on an upper surface **of each** of each of said metal silicates materials.

In regard to item (i) mentioned above, applicants provide herewith proposed drawing corrections to FIGS 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 11 and 12 which contain proper crosshatching of the material shown in red ink. The corrected crosshatching will be incorporated into the formal drawings after the Examiner has approved the same. As required, a separate Letter to the Official Draftperson showing the changes to the drawings in red ink is enclosed herewith.

Insofar as item (ii) is concerned, applicants have canceled Claim 21 in the present Amendment and Response; therefore the drawing objection mentioned under item (ii) above has been obviated.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objections.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge, with thanks, the Examiner's remarks that Claims 28-31 and 33 are allowable over the art of record. The remaining claims, i.e. Claims 21-27 and 34 are rejected in the present Office Action under substantive grounds. Specifically, Claims 21-24, 26, 27 and 34 stand rejected under 35

U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,432,035 to Hsieh, et al.

("Hsieh, et al."). Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly unpatentable over Hsieh, et al.

In order to advance prosecution of the present application, applicants have canceled Claims 21-27 and 34, without prejudice or disclaimer, in the present Amendment and Response. Applicants submit that the cancellation of Claims 21-27 and 34 makes the anticipation and obviousness rejections moot; therefore reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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